<u>Listing of Claims</u>:

Claim 1 (Canceled).

- 2. (Previously Presented) The electric copy board according to claim 12, wherein the transfer section transfers the image data as a file attached to an E-mail.
- 3. (Previously Presented) The electric copy board according to claim 12, wherein the transfer section transfers the image data in accordance with Internet facsimile standards.

Claims 4-8 (Canceled).

- 9. (Previously Presented) The electric copy board according to claim 12, wherein the encoder encodes the image data by JBIG (Joint Bi-level Image experts Group).
- 10. (Previously Presented) The electric copy board according to claim 12, wherein the encoder encodes the image data by MMR (Modified Modified READ).

Claim 11 (Canceled).

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12. (Currently Amended) An electric copy board comprising:
a writing board on which an arbitrary image may be written;
a reader configured to read an image written on the writing
board to generate image data corresponding to the image;

an encoder configured to encode the image data;

a storage section configured to store the encoded image data;

a control section configured to receive, from a terminal via a computer network, a designation of encoded image data that is stored in the storage section; and

a transfer section configured to transfer, via $\frac{1}{2}$ the computer network to $\frac{1}{2}$ the terminal, the designated encoded image data that is designated by the terminal and that is stored in the storage section. , in response to a request issued from the terminal when the terminal accesses the electric copy board via the computer network.

13. (Currently Amended) An electric copy board comprising:
a writing board on which an arbitrary image may be written;
a reader configured to read an image written on the writing
board to generate image data corresponding to the image;
an encoder configured to encode the image data;

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a designation section configured to accept a designation of a transfer destination;

a first transfer section configured to transfer the encoded image data to the designated transfer destination via a computer network;

a storage section configured to store the encoded image data transferred by the first transfer section;

a control section configured to receive, from a terminal via the computer network, a designation of encoded image data that is stored in the storage section; and

a second transfer section configured to transfer, via the computer network to a the terminal, the designated encoded image data that is designated by the terminal and that is stored in the storage section. , in response to a request issued from the terminal when the terminal accesses the electric copy board via the computer network.

14. (Currently Amended) A control method for controlling an electric copy board that includes a writing board on which an arbitrary image may be written, and a storage section, said method comprising:

reading an image written on the writing board; generating image data corresponding to the image;

encoding the image data;

storing, at the electric copy board, the encoded image data in the storage section;

receiving at the electric copy board, from a terminal via a computer network, a designation of encoded image data that is stored in the storage section; and

transferring, via a the computer network to a the terminal, the designated encoded image data that is designated by the terminal and is stored in the storage section., in response to a request issued from the terminal when the terminal accesses the electric copy board via the computer network.

15. (Currently Amended) A control method for controlling an electric copy board that includes a writing board on which an arbitrary image may be written, and a storage section, said method comprising:

reading an image written on the writing board; generating image data corresponding to the image; encoding the image data;

accepting a designation of a transfer destination; transferring the encoded image data to the transfer

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storing, at the electric copy board, the encoded image data that is transferred to the transfer destination in the storage section;

receiving at the electric copy board, from a terminal via a computer network, a designation of encoded image data that is stored in the storage section; and

transferring, via a the computer network to a the terminal, the designated encoded image data that is designated by the terminal and that is stored in the storage section., in response to a request issued from the terminal when the terminal accesses the electric copy board via the computer network.